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AWARD CASE

Government Contends Award for Extra Land Is Excessive.

IN THE FEDERAL COURT

Judge Waddill Will Hand Down His Opinion in the Case To-Day—The Property Is On the Southern Branch of Elizabeth River.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., March 25.—Judge Waddill is expected to open the United States District Court here to-morrow. One of the cases pending before him, and on which he will be asked to render a decision, is the award for the land which the government wishes for the extension of the navy-yard. The award by commissioners was \$72,000 for 272 acres. The government contends that the land is of no value, and that the award is excessive. The land is on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, and adjoins the navy-yard.

The spring term of the Princess Anne Circuit Court, Judge R. R. Parris presiding, closed last evening. The principal case was the \$10,000 damage suit brought by Q. H. Forbes, a lumber dealer against J. Woodhouse, member of the late Constitutional Convention. The suit was for alleged false arrest. Forbes was arrested on the charge of grand larceny for cutting timber without authority. Mr. Woodhouse brought the matter to the attention of the Princess Anne grand jury, but no indictment was found. The members of the jury holding that Mr. Forbes in the civil court, instead of bringing a criminal action against him. A jury of eleven members heard the damage suit, but failed in a verdict, and a retrial was ordered.

ACTRESS DIES IN JAIL.
Mamie Ward, who had been in the hospital this morning, died last night in the hospital for a long time, and preparations were made to send her to the almshouse. She was a variety actress, who played at a theatre in Union Street, and had been well known among the habitués as a pretty and lively woman of twenty-eight or thirty years of age. She had also played in Newport News. She was arrested in a Talbot Street bar-room in one of the recent raids on the place, and was held in jail for the fine she was not able to pay.

The Bay Shore Railway will start running to Ocean View next week. The terminal will be at Tazewell Street, and the cars will run to the beach every day. The property is valued at \$100,000, and the cars will be sold to the place where the Berkley Street Railway stops in front of the Monticello Hotel. Meantime the materials have come and the workmen are making the new terminal at Ocean View on the beach property acquired there by the road recently. That new terminal will enable the road to land its passengers on the beach near the pavilion of the hotel.

INLAND WATER WAY.
Congressman John H. Small, of North Carolina, and Secretary Forrest, of the Norfolk and Manufacturing Association, of Baltimore, will leave here Thursday for a tour of inspection along the route of the proposed inland water way. The party will be gone ten days and will gather information, which will be submitted to Congress.

The voters of the Seventh Ward cast their ballots yesterday for and against improvements to this ward by issuing \$100,000 in bonds. Of 117 voters, 112 voted for and fifteen against issuing the bonds. While many residents of the ward predicted that the vote would be in favor of the improvements, they did not expect a large majority for the bonds. While there are now only 149 registered voters in the ward, there are about 400 who are qualified for registration. The ward has grown rapidly during two years, and by October it is likely that 600 residents will register.

The heavy rainfall recently, together with the warm weather, has caused a rapid growth of vegetation. It was said this morning by an observant farmer that in his experience here of twenty-seven years he had never known so early a spring. He said that strawberries are maturing early, and that he is advised by North Carolina growers that there are already in that region many young berries on the vines. This farmer and many truckers in this section are apprehending a frost. This, if heavy, they fear would be destructive.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.
The engagement of David Jacobovsky and Miss Rebecca Michaelson is announced. Mr. Jacobovsky and Miss Michaelson will be at home to their friends Sunday, the 22nd inst., at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Waisel, in Holy Street.

The following is a comparative statement of approximate earnings of the Seaboard Air Line system for the second week in March, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861, 1860, 1859, 1858, 1857, 1856, 1855, 1854, 1853, 1852, 1851, 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846, 1845, 1844, 1843, 1842, 1841, 1840, 1839, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827, 1826, 1825, 1824, 1823, 1822, 1821, 1820, 1819, 1818, 1817, 1816, 1815, 1814, 1813, 1812, 1811, 1810, 1809, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1805, 1804, 1803, 1802, 1801, 1800, 1799, 1798, 1797, 1796, 1795, 1794, 1793, 1792, 1791, 1790, 1789, 1788, 1787, 1786, 1785, 1784, 1783, 1782, 1781, 1780, 1779, 1778, 1777, 1776, 1775, 1774, 1773, 1772, 1771, 1770, 1769, 1768, 1767, 1766, 1765, 1764, 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HOADS BADLY WASHED BY THE RAINS OF THE PAST WEEK.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
A section of the country has been visited by several enormous rainfalls since Sunday morning, and as a result, the streams are overflowed and the country inundated. The roads are so broken and gullied that travel in vehicles is next to impossible. There was no mail arrival at this place from Fredericksburg and beyond from last Friday till Tuesday afternoon. King George being cut off from communication with the outside world by high water.

A cyclone passed over this neighborhood about 11 A. M. Monday, and leveled nearly everything in its track of about

thirty yards wide and nearly a mile in length. It took down trees, scaffolds, fodder stacks, etc., on the farm of Abram Jackson, a prosperous colored farmer near here, were blown down and carried a considerable distance. Jackson's little plantation was badly damaged, he being the heaviest loser by the storm. Fortunately, only several dwelling houses in the neighborhood were included in the track of the terrific wind, and these were not damaged.

IN CHASE CITY

Its Mineral Water and Splendid New Hotel Growing in Popularity.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHASE CITY, VA., March 25.—A meeting of the stockholders of the Chase City Mineral Water Company was held at the hotel yesterday and arrangements were made for the coming season. The demand for the waters was increased